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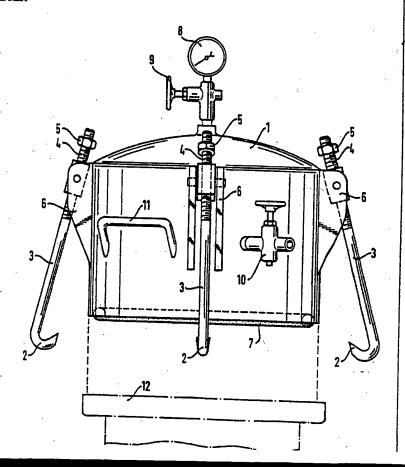
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#### (57) Abstract

The invention relates to a seal cap for pressurised gas holders, especially for 500 kg chlorine holders. Said seal cap comprises two, preferably four retaining claws which engage in a swelling provided on the gas holder in order to seal said gas holder. Said retaining claws can be connected to the seal cap by means of rods with mounts, each rod having a screw thread with a lock nut at the opposite end. A seal is arranged in a groove of the seal cap, said seal consisting of a resistant material. The inventive seal cap can also have a pressure gauge, a discharge valve and handles.

### (57) Zusammenfassung

Eine Dichtkappe für Gasdruckbehälter, insbesondere für 500-kg-Chlorbehälter, weist mindestens zwei, vorzugsweise vier, Halteklauen auf, die in einen vorhandenen Wulst am Gasdruckbehälter eingreifen und die Abdichtung bewirken. Die Halteklauen können über ein Gestänge mit Halterung mit der Dichtkappe verbunden sein, wobei am entgegengesetzten Ende das Gestänge ein Gewinde mit einer Sicherungsmutter hat. Eine Dichtung aus resistentem Material wird vorteilhaft in einer Nut der Dichtkappe geführt. Die Dichtkappe kann weiterhin ein Manometer, ein Auslaßventil und Haltegriffe aufweisen.



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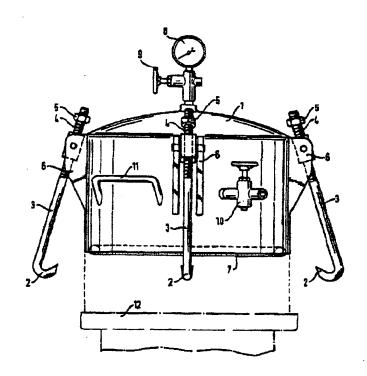
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## (54) Title: SEAL CAP FOR GAS HOLDERS

(57) ABSTRACT: The invention relates to a sealcap for pressurized gas holders, especially for 500 kg chlorine holders. Said seal cap comprises two, preferably four retaining claws which engage a bead provided on the gas holder in order to seal said gas holder. Said retaining claws can be connected to the seal cap by means of rods with mounts, each rod having a screw thread with a lock nut at the opposite end. A seal is arranged in a groove of the seal cap, said seal consisting of a resistant material. The invented seal cap may also have a pressure gauge, a discharge valve and handles.



### Description

Pressurized gas containers are subject to strict safety requirements. Therefore chlorine bottle valves must be replaced after three years at the latest. Experience shows, however, the damage to pressurized chlorine containers, especially in the region of the valves, frequently occurs. Commercially sealing caps for chlorine bottles with 50 and 65 kg capacities (prospectus of the company SBF Wasser und Umwelt, Zweigniederlassung der Preussage Anlagenbau GmbH, 31228 Peine, 4 K-271/MD 2.0 12.93). For 500 kg chlorine containers such as are used in swimming pools until now no corresponding devices are known. These containers in the case of emergency must be secured with safety containers which, however, are provided only at a few supporting points and therefore are usually not accessible in a timely way.

The sealing device for 50 kg chlorine bottles consists of a base plate with three hooks for suspending chains, a protective cap with a bottle valve and a sealing ring and a pressure clamp to be applied over it also with three hooks in which the chains are suspended.

Such a device, however, is little suited for 500 kg containers: because of the high weight the positioning of the base plate is possible only with suitable precautionary measure, and therefore usually involves a considerable loss of time. Furthermore the pressure clamp is provided with only a single clamp screw which does not appear to be sufficient for very large containers.

Therefore the problem existed of devising a sealing cap for large gas containers, especially 500 kg chlorine containers which can be installed simply and quickly and

reliably. It must be kept in mind in such cases that the sealing cap must be installed by persons wearing safety gear, in particular they must wear chlorine-resistant gloves in addition to the usual safety gloves.

This problem is solved according to the invention by a sealing cap which is equipped with at least two holding claws which engage the bead present on the gas container.

Preferred variants of the invention are described and explained in the following.

The holding claws are arranged uniformly on the outside of the sealing cap, i.e. in the case of two holding claws, diametrically opposing, in the case of three holding claws at angles of 120° and in the case of four holding claws at angles of 90° from each other. Four holding claws are preferred.

The holding claws are connected to the sealing cap through a suitable device, e.g. by a chain or spring, but advantageously by a rod which can be arranged in a folding manner in the sealing cap. The rigid rod under practical conditions facilitates the installation of the cap. For safe fixation the rod is threaded on the side opposite the holding claw so that a firm fastening of the holding claws can be assured by applying a threaded nut.

For sealing as in the conventional case an O ring of a suitably resistant material, preferably a chlorine elastomer is used. Advantageously the seal is guided in a groove of the sealing cap.

Advisably in the top part of the sealing cap a pressure gauge is installed. At 20°C a pressure of about 7 bar builds up, at 30°C already about 10 bar. The salvage crew may, if necessary, resort to cooling measures.

Also advisable is the installation of a valve through which the escaping gas can be disposed of.

Also advisable are holding handles on the sealing cap in order to facilitate installation.

The figure shows an advisable configuration of the invention. In it

1 = sealing cap

2 = holding claw

3 = rod for holding claws

4 =threading on rod

5 =safety nuts

6 = holder for rods

7 = gasket/seal

8 = pressure gauge

9 = pressure gauge valve

10 = outlet valve

11 = holding handle

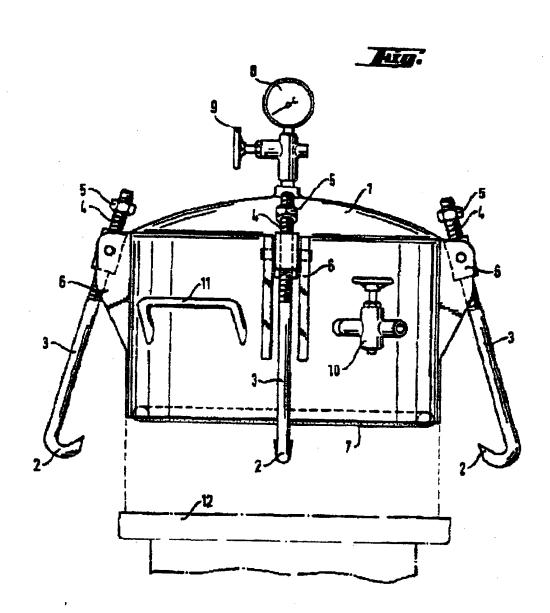
12 = gas container

### Claims

- 1. Sealing cap for pressurized gas container characterized by at least two holding claws which engage the bead present on the pressurized gas container and act as a seal.
- 2. Sealing cap as in claim 1 dimensioned for a commercial 500 kg chlorine container.
- 3. Sealing cap as in claims 1 or 2 characterized by four holding claws.
- 4. Sealing cap as in one or more of the foregoing claims characterized by holding claws which are connected by a rod to a holder of the sealing cap, the opposite end of the rod being threaded and provided with with a lock nut.

- 5. Sealing cap as in one or more of the foregoing claims characterized by a seal or gasket of resistant material.
- 6. Sealing cap as in claim 5 characterized by the fact that the sealing ring is guided in a groove in the sealing cap.
- 7. Sealing cap as in one or more of the foregoing claims characterized by a pressure gauge.
- 8. Sealing cap as in one or more of the foregoing claims characterized by an outlet valve.
- 9. Sealing cap as in one or more of the foregoing claims characterized by a holding handle.

One page of drawings appended.



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